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Local events honoring Martin Luther King are planned for Dodgeville and Spring Green

The “Letter Writing” Group meets Wednesdays in January and February

Local people concerned about environmental issues to meet in Dodgeville

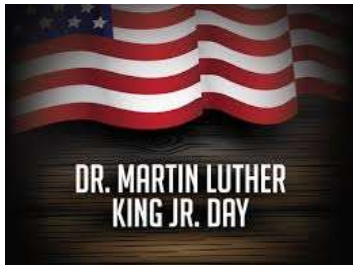


Monday, January 15, 11:45 to 1 p.m. (Dodgeville) “MARTIN LUTHER KING’S GLOBAL VISION: The World House.” The Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville has invited Edgewood College Philosophy Professor Vince Kavaloski to share his thoughts on Martin Luther King’s vision of a “World House” – a global view that is sorely needed in these nationalistic times.

The public is invited for an optional buffet lunch which will be served at

11:45 a.m. (\$9). Kavaloski’s presentation will begin at approximately 12:05 and end at 1 p.m

LOCATION: DodgerBowl, 318 King Street in Dodgeville. The event is free.



Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m. (Spring Green) THE ANNUAL RIVER VALLEY CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING’S BIRTHDAY

The centerpiece of this annual event will be Dr. King’s memorable 40-minute speech about nonviolence and racial justice recorded in 1958.

The speech will be followed by a discussion of Dr. King’s hopeful and peaceful comments that apply directly to today’s political climate. The event will take place at the River Valley Elementary School library, 830 W.

Daley Street in Spring Green. Beverages and birthday cake honoring Dr. King will be served. The event is free and open to the public. This annual River Valley observance honors the legacy of the late African American civil rights leader, clergyman, and activist who was murdered by an assassin in 1968.



Wednesdays, Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, at 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville and Mineral Point) POSTCARD GROUP CONTINUES TO MEET REGULARLY EVERY WEDNESDAY

Join this lively bunch as they continue to take seriously their responsibilities of keeping our elected officials informed about their views. Everyone is invited! Pens and paper will be provided. Here’s

their January schedule. January 10, they’ll be at the Pointer Café, 809 Ridge Street in Mineral Point. On January 17, they’ll meet at Dodgeville’s Cobblestone Coffee House, 237 N. Iowa Street. On January 24, they will meet at the Episcopal Church Rectory, as guests of Marilee Backstrand, 409 High Street in Mineral Point, and on January 31, they will be back in Dodgeville at the Cook’s Room. Here’s a preview of their February line up -- February 7 (Pointer Café in Mineral Point); February 14 (Dodgeville’s Cobblestone Coffee House); February 21 (Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street in Mineral Point); February 28 (Dodgeville’s Cooks Room). If the weather is bad – snow, ice – check with Caron Swindell at caronmp1@gmail.com to be sure they are meeting that day.



Saturday, January 13, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY/SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY MEETING Reports are in that 2017 will be one of the hottest years globally on record -- so don't be fooled our recent record cold spell. This dedicated group of environmentally concerned people knows that every action we take is a blessing to all. Find out what they are up to at this month's CCL/Sustain County monthly meeting

to be held at the Dodgeville Country Kitchen, 1202 N. Johns Street. For more information, contact Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net



BECOME AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VOLUNTEER TUTOR You can help counteract today's ugly rhetoric about immigration by becoming an English as a Second Language (ESL) volunteer tutor in Iowa, Lafayette, Grant or Richland Counties. You do not need a foreign language to become an ESL tutor. Tutor training will teach you to overcome a language barrier while you are making new

friends. Our local Southwest Wisconsin economy depends on new immigrant workers, and they enrich our communities with cultural diversity. Contact Luz Nereida Burkard of the MultiCultural Outreach Program at 608-642-1753 for more information about the next tutor training sessions. Check out our website at www.mcopwi.org for other ways you can help.

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